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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 2-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 27, 2007, said period of response being extended from October 27, 2007 to December 27, 2007.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-3478 in the amount of \$460 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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Respectfully submitted,

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